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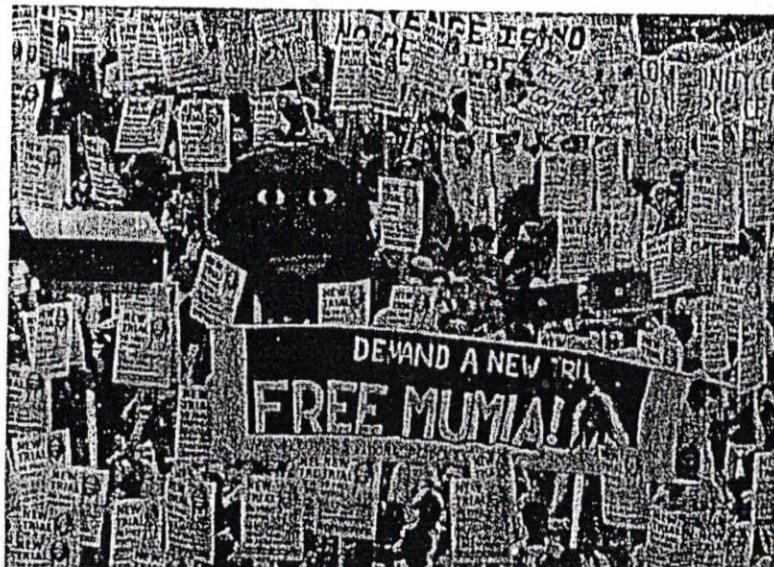


May 13, 1992 rally

***On a move!***

**Ramona Africa**

**from the MOVE Organisation**



Demonstration in Philadelphia August 12, 1995





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## *On a move! by Ramona Africa*

(Talk delivered in Department of Women Studies Incarcerated Class taught by Chinosole at San Francisco State University, October 26, 1994)

**Introduction by Mujah Shakir:** *Our speaker is dedicated to the simple truths of respect for life, she's beautiful, she's special because she loves life. She's special because she's a revolutionary. And that word should not frighten you. And the only reason it frightens you is because of the propaganda machine that we've all been subjected to over, and over, and over, and over again. We got to de-program ourselves. A revolutionary wants change. It's very simple, we want change, we want a better way of life, we love, and that's the reason why we do the things that we do. If you believe in environmental justice, you will respect our speaker and her family. If you believe in the rights of animals, you will respect this speaker and her family. If you believe in harmony, justice, freedom and the pursuit of happiness, then you will respect, and also love and admire our next speaker. Ramona Africa was charged with conspiracy, riot and multiple counts of simple and aggravated assault, even though she was the only surviving adult after that bombing in 1985. No testimony was presented indicating she ever held a fired weapon. A jury found her guilty and the judge sentenced her 16 months to 7 years. She did the entire 7 years. The lieutenant who dropped the bomb and the officer who assembled it refused to testify citing the fifth amendment right against self incrimination. Mayor Goode appointed a special commission to investigate the catastrophe, but it had no power to indict.*



Findings released in March of 1986 were highly critical of city officials and included extensive recommendations. But as years passed these were largely disregarded and forgotten. I would like all of you to stand up and give a very warm welcome to our sister, to one of the toughest women that I've ever met, a true freedom fighter, Ramona Africa.

**Ramona Africa:** Thank you very much and *on a move!* We say the words *on a move* because that's what we are and that's what we want to encourage all of you to be *on the move*. Not to stagnate, not to sit back in apathy and accept illusions. It is in our power and our hands to do something about it. I believe that the program is to answer a few questions about the film that you just saw first, and then I will speak. But the main thing that I do want to let you know is that I am not here to give something to write a paper about, to talk about amongst yourselves. That is not going to change anything. I am here to give you something to really think about to change your whole mentality, to change the way you look at things, and motivate you to make the decision to do something. It doesn't matter how small it may seem, or how magnanimous it may seem, but to do something. To commit yourselves to doing something to change the system that we live in to make this a better place for yourselves, your family, your children, your sisters, brothers, husbands, wives, whatever. Do something for yourself. Not for MOVE, not for Ramona, not for Muhjah or Chinosole or Geronimo or Mumia or anybody else. Do it for yourself because you are Geronimo, you are Mumia Abu-Jamal, you are MOVE people, you are Sundiata Acoli, and Leonard Peltier. You know, these people are not separate from us.



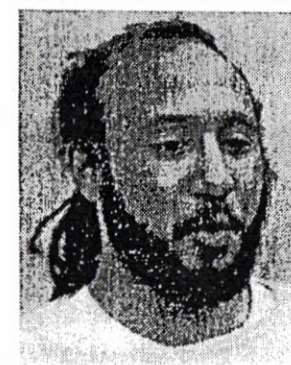
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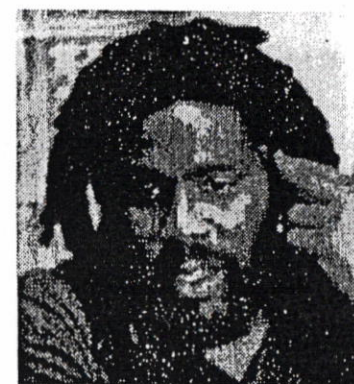
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